

miles distant across towering mountains, but the Lord willing, we shall preach for them once a month during the winter.

There is a young brother of exceptional natural ability among our members, absolutely honest and consecrated to the Lord's work, who would make an able minister. Means are lacking for his education. Who will help us? May the Lord hasten the day when our district and National conference shall take decisive and methodical steps towards the education of promising young men for the ministry.

J. S. BOWMAN.

Nappanee, Ind.

A few items from the Nappanee church may be of interest to many who are acquainted with members of the class and perhaps will be a word of encouragement to our beloved brotherhood. We are at work in the Master's vineyard. By the "we" I want to say, is meant the church in all of her departments.

Our church services proper are increasing in attendance and interest. We have many who are interested in the progress of our church, who are not members. We have an eye open and expect them to "go with us" ere long. Our S. S. is in a flourishing condition with Brother Casper as Supt. assisted by a corps of able officers and teachers. A teacher's meeting has given strength and new life and will do great good by giving greater breadth in the teaching of the S. S. lessons. Prayer meeting ably led by Brother Drake is increasing in attendance and interest.

Not enough of our young people attend this meeting. A wrong idea, sometimes exists that these services are for the *old* people *solely*. Our K. C. society is in charge of sister Nora Early as President. This society has been of great service to the church *financially* and we trust *spiritually*. Recently the society purchased new song books for the church. We appreciate their assistance. Then the Juniors must not be omitted for they are doing grandly under sister Hattie Culp's instruction. They would make "we older ones" blush to see them speak and talk Bible. As they grow older in years it will be as natural for them to work in church work as it is for a hungry man to eat his dinner. O for a more "hungering and thirsting after righteous." Last but not least of the church's great help and life and activity is the sister's society.

They work with mind and heart and hand. If you could have seen their sale's table, Brother Gnagey you would not censure me for undescoreing so profusely. They have worked and planned, months, and now have a fine exhibit. The proceeds go for church purposes and will be well used.

May the Lord bless them in their self-denials, their efforts and their work for the cause of Christ. We are now anticipating a spiritual feast in our coming Union Meeting, the 1, and 2, of Jan.

Come brethren whether your name is on

the program or not. We need your presence at our first Union Meeting and first Communion service. Brother Rench, come; the rest will be here;—I mean the faithful, earnest workers. We must close ere we exhaust the Editors patience.

Fraternally,

L. A. HAZLETT.

Bloomers, Ohio

The meeting at Bloomers held by brother J. M. Bowman is now a thing of the past. Our meeting closed with communion services on the evening of December 1. The house was full of eager listeners and observers and good order prevailed. As a result of the meeting one was reinstated. The meeting must be pronounced a success. The good and proper seed has been sown and we believe the promise of God that it shall not return unto him void. We are sure the good seed sown by Brother Bowman will eventually do its work. The little band of members have been greatly encouraged because all have been helped by the ministration of his word. It must be remembered that we have had only one meeting since last February, and we were as a flock without a shepherd. Brother Bowman has gained for himself a host of friends in our community. He will return again the first Sabbath in January.

Brother Delaney came over from Troy to attend our communion service and after services he gave a little talk, but only after considerable persuasion. The house was in perfect quietude while he was speaking. He has promised to come again. The following night he lectured in the Methodist church in Bradford.

It has been a long time since there has been anything in your columns from Bloomers, but I hope the good work will keep moving and we will have more news to report. Success to the EVANGELIST.

MRS. QUINDARA GRUBB.

Rossville, Ind.

The Mt. Pleasant congregation is moving along a little slowly, but we think surely. We held a short series of meetings recently. The services were well attended, but only two were added to the number. During the meeting Brother Rench was with us working in the interest of Ashland University, and preached four splendid sermons. The amount required of the church was made up by money and subscription and nearly all has been paid in. As soon as the few remaining dollars are paid the whole amount of \$100 will go to Brother Keim as fast as the train can carry it.

We held our communion service last evening, Dec. 20, but owing to the glaze of ice on the roads, not more than one-half of the members got out. It was an enjoyable communion nevertheless.

Bethel is still alive and with her weekly prayer meeting and evergreen Sunday-school is marching on to victory. The second Sunday of the present month was the time of the regular monthly meeting. The services were

well attended. On Monday evening we held a communion service. This service too was well attended and some elderly people communed the first time, having recently united with the Brethren. Here another name was given for membership, making in all forty-five within the last year. They have also raised nearly their full amount for the college.

While I am writing I must say a word for Edna Mills too. I am for the present trying to hold the fort at this place. This church is not very strong numerically, but is courageous, and with such brethren as Hifford, Bricker, Simmon, Hedrick and others the work will go on. They have also raised their apportionment for the college.

Brother Rench was very successful in his canvass, the secret of which is very obvious. It was plainly seen that working in the interest of the college, for the upbuilding of the common cause of the brotherhood, was his sole mission. He had no "ax" with him.

J. H. SWIHART.

Wooster, Ohio

I again ask for a little space in our dear church paper, the EVANGELIST, to report our protracted meeting held in the Zion Hill church. Our meeting commenced Nov. 28, and continued nearly three weeks. Brother William Kieffer, our regular pastor, did the preaching, and we had a meeting long to be remembered on account of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Brother Kieffer was in the work both soul and body, and what a glorious meeting we had. Sinners hearts were touched and nine came out and confessed Christ. Six were baptized and the rest are to baptize yet. I for one feel to thank God for this meeting, for souls have confessed Christ at this meeting for whom we have been praying for years. We feel that much good seed has been sown that will spring up in the future and bear fruit. We had good attendance and closed with good interest.

May God bless our dear Brother Kieffer who did his work so faithfully at this meeting, is our prayer. And may God bless these souls that have come out to serve him. May they ever prove faithful and be the means of bringing many others into the fold of Christ. Pray for us.

MRS. C. B. SCHLOSSNAGEL.

Akron, Ind

Brother Editor:—Closed the Dutch Town meeting Sunday evening with twenty-five accessions. Organized a church with four additional ones by letter—in all twenty nine. Also organized a Sunday-school. They decided to use Brethren literature.

They are preparing to build a church house. Eight of the number were G. B's. One preacher. He had formerly been a Christian minister, but could not preach the whole gospel without offense to his brethren. He thought it best to unite with the G. B's. where that likely would be given him. They seemed well pleased with their new man and immediately elected him to their ministry,